

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courteous interview accorded the undersigned.

During the interview, the merits of the invention were discussed and it was agreed that by amending claims 1 and 9 in the manner amended above, the claims would overcome the rejections based upon 35 USC §112 and 103(a) as noted in the Interview Summary.

It is noted that the description of the incision is as being V-shaped in claims 1 and 9 rendered redundant the expression "being of generally transverse orientation" so that expression has been deleted from claims 1 and 9.

Accordingly, it is requested that the present application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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